

This presentation is intended to provide an overview of the proposed FBC–describing the separate components and how they are intended to work together. In our previous presentation we discussed the Form Districts.

The focus of this presentation is on the Building Types and Frontage Types. This is where the form-based code diverges the most from our current use-based code. Unlike with the Form Districts, there is no easy direct comparison between what's proposed and the current CDO, however many of the standards are found in the current Design Review standards (Art 6).

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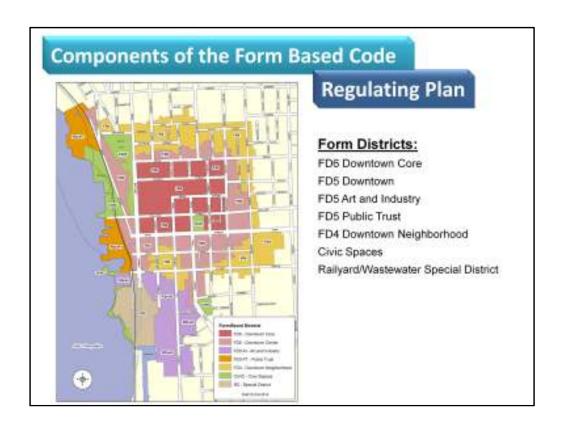
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As a reminder, fundamentally our development and use of a FBC is about:

- Implementing the vision for the downtown and waterfront adopted in planBTV: Downtown and Waterfront
- and in so doing, facilitating opportunities to realize new infill and taking advantage of opportunities to develop under-developed sites
- Finally it's about modernizing the regulations and the process. We've been trying to use a more form based approach in our zoning code since we first adopted Design Review in 1973. Today we are completing this task with modern tools.

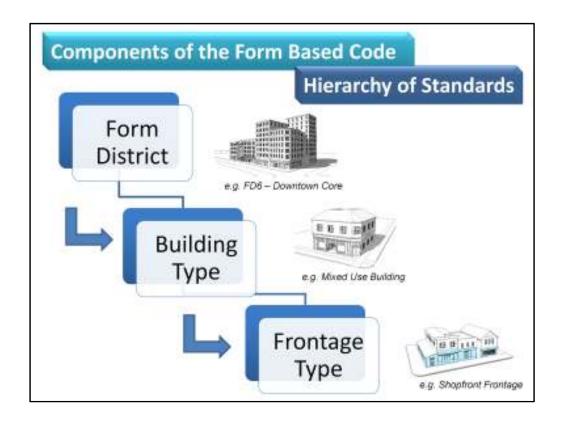
When it comes to developing Building and Frontage types, it is important to accurately represent the range of buildings and frontages that are already represented in the area. We have worked very hard trying to do this.



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The Regulating Plan delineates the Form Districts.

You can refer back to the previous presentation to learn more about the Form Districts.



As you will recall, our Code is organized around a simple hierarchy with the Form District serving as the foundation or starting point. Each Form District controls the various Building Types that are permitted in the district, and each Building Type controls the various Frontage Types that may be associated with that Building Type.

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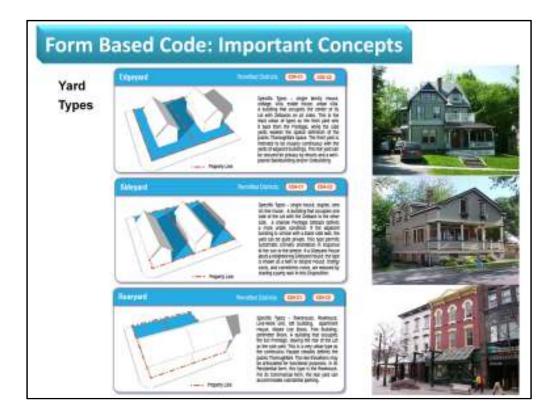
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The FBC (or any regulations for that matter) is not intended to be read like a book – there is <u>no flow</u> from beginning to middle to end. Think of it instead as a restaurant menu – pick from the appetizers, entrees and deserts.

You can pick from a host of available options specific to the applicable menu beginning with the Form District where the property is located.

Ultimately it is the **combination** of Form District, Building Type and Frontage Type standards, and where is or isn't allowed, that ensure variety and accommodate the various needs of various users.

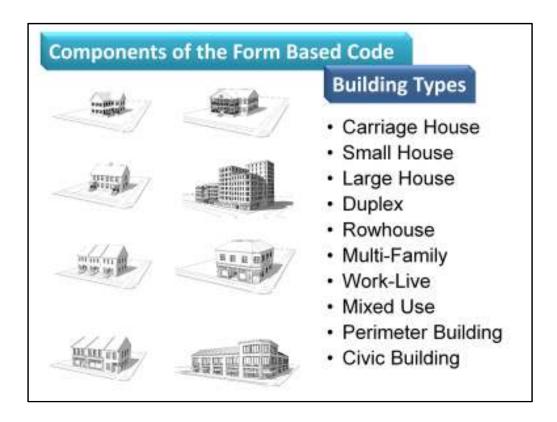


A quick terminology refresher...

Yard Types describe the ways buildings physically sit on a lot and relate to the Frontage and one-another:

- Edgeyard: building sits with a yard all around it.
- <u>Sideyard</u>: building sits on a side yard line with a <u>yard to one side</u>.
- Rearyard: building sits on a Frontage line with a yard to the rear.

This concept is critical to understanding context and patterns of existing and desired development, and are important in distinguishing between Building Types.



So now on to Building Types...

Building types describe the <u>generic</u> form and characteristics of <u>a range of buildings</u> that may be permitted within any Form District. You will recall that the standards for each Form District specifically list each permitted Building Type.

Building types don't address use specifically, but as you will see use is often inherent to the characteristics of a particular type of building based on its form, size and other characteristics.

The FBC does <u>not</u> dictate pre-defined architectural styles – trying to make time stand still or preventing the creation of something bold and exciting. Instead it concentrates on <u>urban design fundamentals</u> regarding building **placement**, **configuration**, **proportions**, **lot occupation** and **relationships** that are the foundation of all successful and vibrant urban places around the world, and tailored to the characteristics of the form we are trying to create.

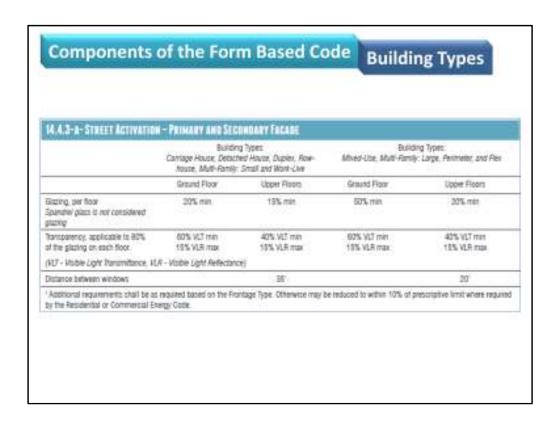
The primary concern when it come to Building Types is not any policy implication per se, but more along the lines of are they complete and are we allowing these buildings where we want them.

With the exception of a Carriage House, all Building Types represent the principal building(s) on a site.

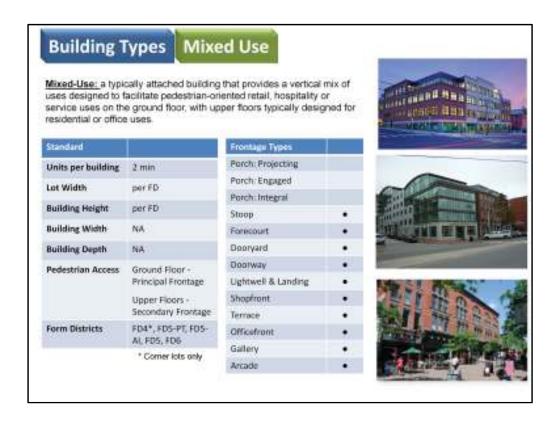


Like with Form Districts the purpose and intent behind each Building Type is described and illustrated which is then followed by a set of specific standards applicable to the Building Type – in some cases they defer to the requirements of the Form District and in others the requirements of the Form District may be superseded (e.g. for lot width or building height).

The Frontage Types that may be associated with the specific Building Type are also listed.



Universal to all Building Types – maybe modified by Frontage Type (Shopfronts)



The most common urban building type. Any mix of uses are allowed as long as there is a mix – typically ground floor retail/hospitality and upper floor resdiential/office.



A special urban building type that is distinguished from:

• **Mixed Use** by its required association with a Parking Structure or Lot. Size is specified in order to ensure that it fully screens parking behind



An industrial building type that is distinguished from:

• Mixed-Use by units – can be single use, height and width are limited.



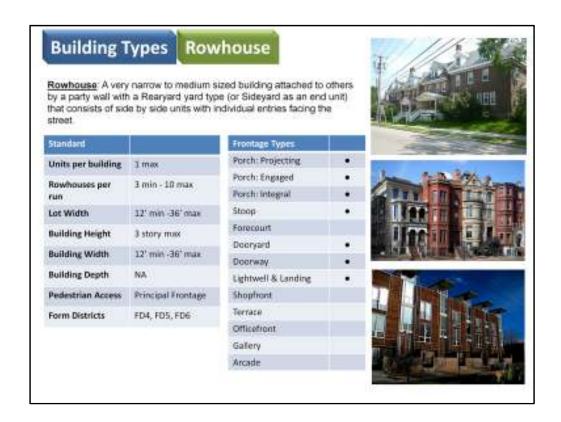
Another very common urban building type that is distinguished from:

- Mixed Use by frontage Edgeyard, Sideyard and Rearyard type, access by principal frontage only and not required to be at-grade, typical retail/office frontages are not permitted.
- Multi-Family Small by size limited to only 3-6 units



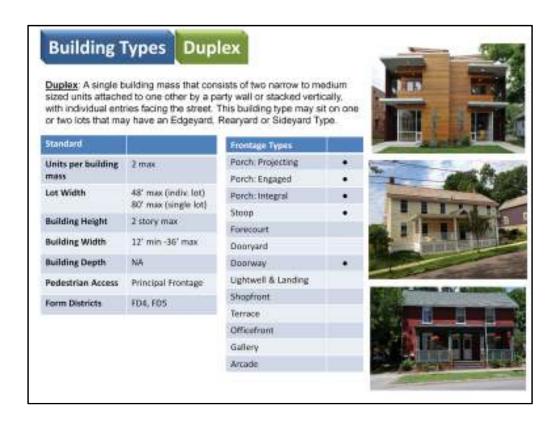
A smaller version of the Multi-Family Large that is distinguished from:

- Multi-Family Large by size 7 or more units
- Detached House by size 1 unit and 2 stories only



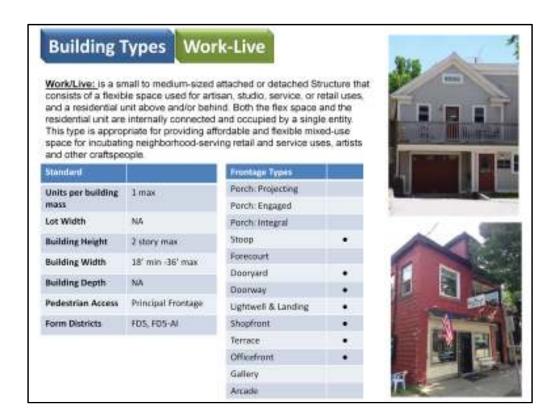
Horizontally stacked units on one or multiple lots that is distinguished from:

- Multi-Family by size and arrangement
- **Duplex** by size
- Detached House by arrangement



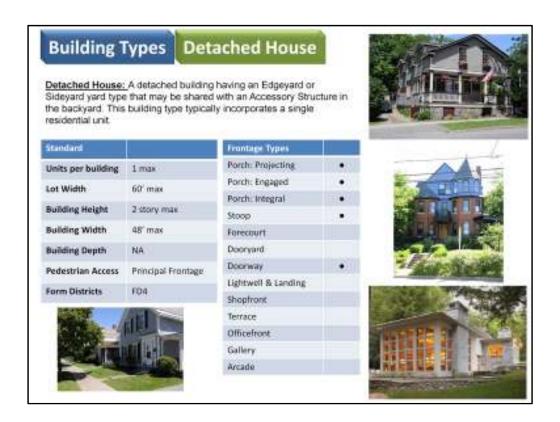
<u>Horizontally or vertically stacked</u> units on <u>one or multiple lots</u> that is distinguished from:

- Rowhouse by arrangement and height
- Multi-Family by size, arrangement and height
- Detached House by units and arrangement



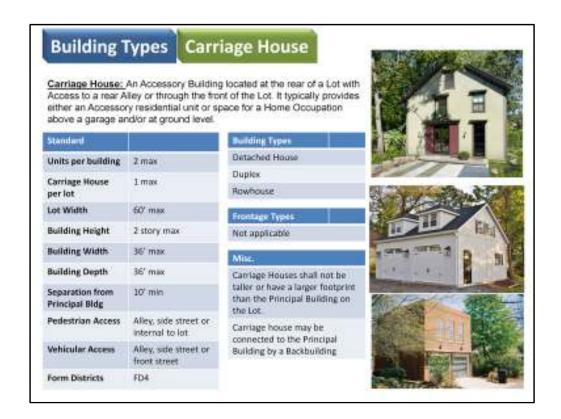
Combined working and living space within a single unit that is distinguished from:

- Mixed Use by units, size, and arrangement
- Detached House by units and arrangement



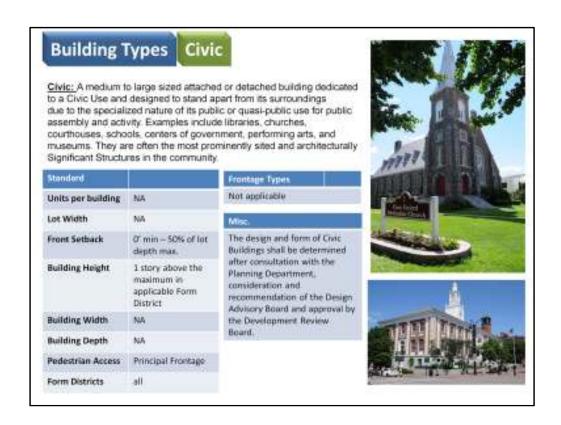
Typical single-family house that is distinguished from:

- Rowhouse by arrangement and height
- Multi-Family by size, arrangement and height
- Duplex by units and arrangement



Only Building Type that is an accessory building and must be associated with another Principal Building Type.

Common form characteristics and typical for our community making it something we want to specifically recognize and allow for.



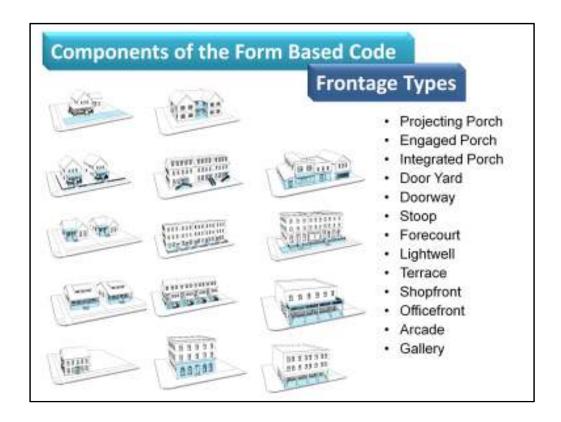
Exempt from most standards, but requires review by the DAB and approval by the DRB given the flexibility and civic use.



Comparison among Building Types and where they are permitted

Discussion points

- Residential building types in FD5-AI?
- Flex buildings in FD5-PT?
- Carriage Houses with Duplexes in FD5?

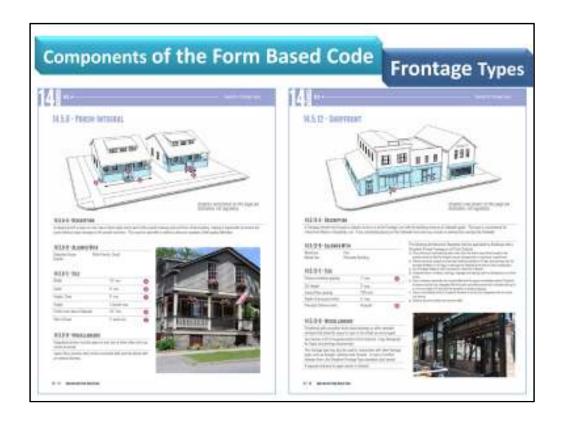


And the last major component of the FBC is the Private Frontage Type.

Private Frontage Types describe the various ways that a building interfaces with the public realm and specifically the area between the Facade of the building and the Frontage line, inclusive of its built and planted components.

It's about how the building interacts with the public realm, and ultimately how people interact with the building, and understand, experience and gain access to it.

There can be many situations where two Frontage Types are used in combination, and a Building may use multiple Frontage Types.

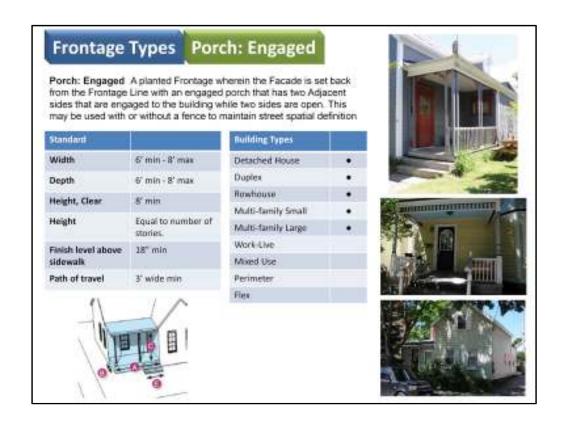


And again like with Form Districts and Building Types, the purpose and intent behind each Frontage Type is described and illustrated.

This is then followed by a set of specific standards regarding size, clearance, location and any other characteristics unique and important to the type of frontage.



Projecting porches have three open sides and encroach into the First Lot Layer



Engaged porches have **two open sides** and typically does not **encroach into the First Lot Layer**



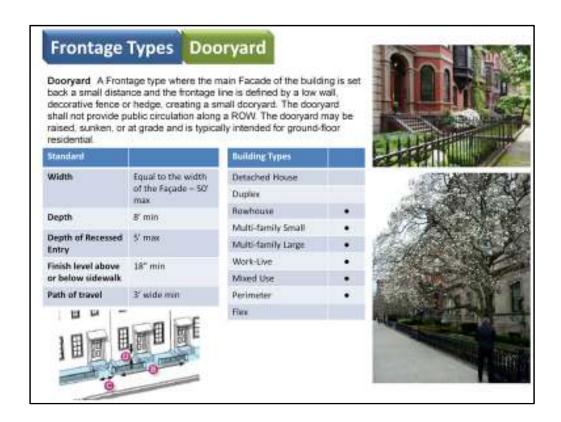
Integral porches may be **open on one, two or three sides** and is **part of the overall massing and roof form** of the building.



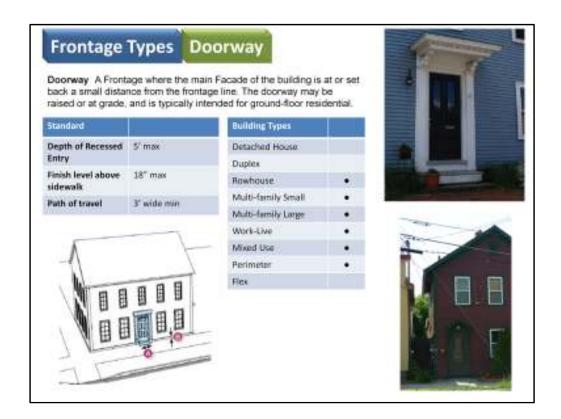
Stoops are typically a set of steps and a small landing **open on three sides** and **may encroach the First Lot Layer.**



Forecourts create an **internal semi-public courtyard** within which other Frontage Types may be employed to provide access.



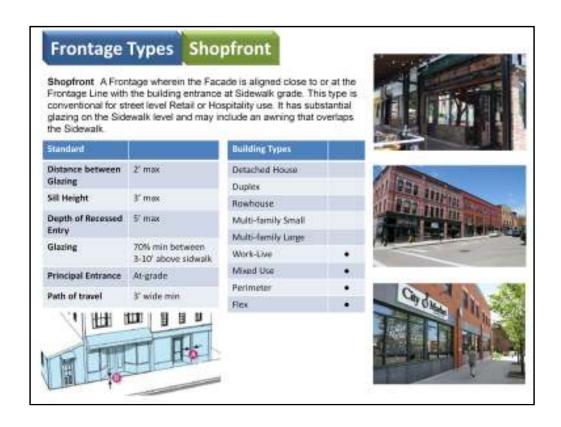
Dooryards are defined by the **Façade setback** and a **fence or hedge at the Frontage Line that provides strong spatial definition** along the sidewalk and a physical separation from a semi-private yard. It is often used in conjunction with other compatible Frontage Types such as Doorway or a Stoop.



Doorway are defined by the Façade set very close to the Frontage Line and a <u>close</u> to at-grade entry with no landing.



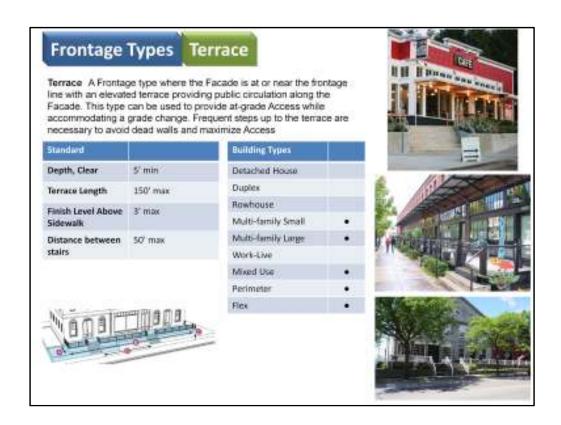
Lightwell & Landing are typically found in combination, and the landing portion is similar to stoops. These are important for accommodating grade changes along a Frontage Line and providing access and activation for partially below-grade spaces.



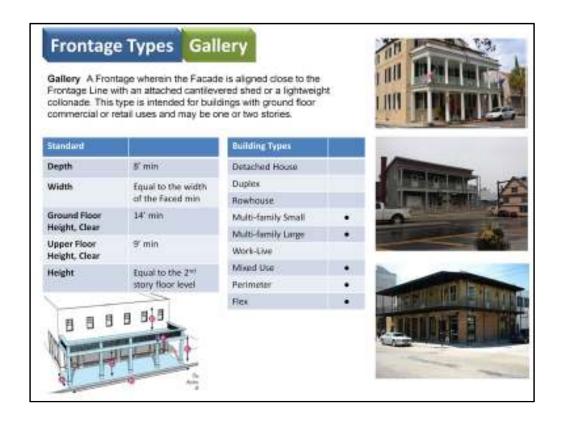
Shopfronts require **at-grade entry** and **very high glazing and transparency** requirements. They are typical for any retail or hospitality use and are very important for activating the street for pedestrians



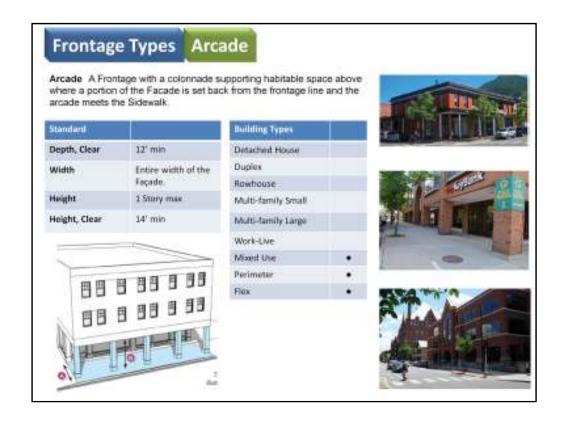
Like Shopfronts, Officefronts require **at-grade entry** and **high glazing and transparency** requirements <u>although not as much as the Shopfront</u>. They are typical for any retail or hospitality use and are very important for activating the street for pedestrians



Like Lightwells and Landings, these are important for accommodating grade changes along a Frontage Line, and are necessary for accommodating at-grade access for pedestrians – particularly those with mobility challenges.



Galleries are a larger version of a projecting porch - open on three sides and may or may not have a roof. They <u>may not encroach over the public ROW</u>.



Similar to Galleries, Arcades include the extension of the Building over the open space below. They <u>must</u> also include a Shopfront within the colonnade and <u>may not</u> encroach over the public ROW.